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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an AMENDMENT for the patent application:

Application No.

09/939.237

Applicant(s)

Raul V. Nunes, et al.

Filed

August 24, 2001

Title

ARABINOGALACTAN AND DEFINED VITAMINS

BEVERAGE COMPOSITIONS COMPRISING

1761

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Examiner Conf. No. Helen F. Pratt

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- 1. [X] No additional fees (claims fees or extension fees) are known to be required.
- 2. [] The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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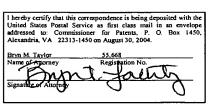
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REPLY UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

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Dear Sir:

In response to the May 28, 2004 Office Action, the following amendments and response are submitted under 37 C.F.R. §1.111. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

Amendments: begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks / Arguments: begin on page 4 of this paper.